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Letters to father v. 3 1887-88

Princeton, N. J.
Sept. 14, '87

Dear Papa,

The train was crowded
on the way to Phila.
but we got seats at Harris-
burg for Jessie Orison and
her friend. I never saw the
cars so full. Reached Trenton
about 9 and came to
Princeton this morning. We
went directly to the Prepar-
atory School. I could not
see the Principal at the time
as he was absent, but I
shall have a talk with
him shortly. His wife probably
wrote about the details of the
case. I do not know her

yet. I believe the cost of
everything - boarding, room
fuel, washing &c - at the
school is \$400 although
Don't know. If it is, Vic's
expenses will not be large.

I met Mr. Freeman and
Harry at noon. Have not
seen Frank Adams yet. Edw.
Prater, who used to live
where P. M. Lytle lives now
is in the entering class.

I am about sealed
again although a patch
which I had checked has
not yet arrived.

With love to all,

Yours son,
Bob

Princeton, N. J.,
Sept. 29, '89.

Dear Papa,

Vic was up to see me yesterday afternoon. He seems to be getting on finely. I see him several times each week. He is satisfied but thinks the school a poor one, but the pooriness lies not in the lack of ability of the teachers but in the chiddishness of the head master.

Prof. Drummond and his three associates from the University of Edinburgh left yesterday for Philadelphia, having been here three days. They did a great deal of good

but they have not so much influence on the young men of this country, because of their different temperament. They conducted five services while here and while the Christian men were well pleased, the "outsiders" were not much shaken. American young men - as a rule do not think very seriously, and perhaps one man will adopt a course of action from conviction while nine, with no convictions whatever, will do the same from persuasion and in this lies the great power of eloquence among us, and its great danger of abuse.

Evelyn College opened yesterday. I have not learned yet the number of students.

The last two days have been disagreeably wet, - the only unpleasant days since our return.

Junior year has brought with it some new lines of thought in Physics, Psychology and the Philosophy of History.

I am going to Oxford, Pa., over Sabbath at the request of the ministers there, Rev. Mr. Jacobus. On Sabbath evening, they have the Third Anniversary of their Foreign Mission Bonds. Mr. Jacobus was graduated from the College about '76.

Prof. Drummond and his friends were initiated into the Hall yesterday or the day before. I was not there. Edward Proctor, Frank Adams

and Harry Freeman all join
Clio.

I have a great deal to do,
especially the first part of
the week. The recitations are
not so hard the latter day
but the time is full.

Your loving son,
Rob.

Princeton, N. J.,

Oct. 17, '87.

Dear Papa,

My time has never been so
full as it is now. My ex-
ercise is more regular, vig-
orous and profitable than it
has ever been and the class
room work is urgent enough
to take up all the time but
a few hours which are devoted
to other college work. My Sab-
bath School is going on smooth-
ly. Have written several arti-
cles for the papers since my
return. There was a flattering
notice in the World of Sabbath
a week ago: if you did not
see it, I can send it to you

as a friend cut it out and
gave it to me.

I have not had an oppor-
tunity to talk with Mr.
Bishop, but shall find one
soon. Mr. Spalding, the assis-
tant head master, is a close
friend of mine. He is more
in touch with the boys and
I have talked some with
him. He promised to let me
know how Victor did, and if
anything should not run per-
fectly evenly. The school is the
best. I tried to show you
in the exercises that Andover
was far better; but the school
is not a bad one. Most of
the instruction is very good—
the mathematical preparation
much better than Andover
furnishes, and it can prepa-
re well for college in two

years. My Carriage was worth about
\$180 and I have about \$40
left, - less than \$40 & he
needs more money to buy
his clothes he can take some
of mine or I shall have
few more expenses which I
can pause for a month or
two. I do not think he needs
clothes at once, but shall
do him and find out
if he needs an overcoat before
winter but that will be
some time yet.

Prof. Duesmann will be
here again tomorrow and
will speak in the evening.
He and his companions
will return soon to Scot-
land.

With much love,
Your own
Rob



Princeton, N. J.

October 31, 57

Dear Papa,

We have had some heavy
frosts and sharp weather
lately and the leaves are
nearly gone from the trees.
The employees are kept busy
scrubbing together and hauling
away those white floc from
the trees on the Campus.

The Dean preached yesterday
on the "Evils of Medicines" from
the text - "I count not myself to
have apprehended" - I passed
forward." In the evening was
a praise service.

Dr. McCosh delivers tomorrow
noon the first of a course

of three "University Lectures" on
"The Religious Aspect of Development"
Every third Wednesday evening
or fourth perhaps he has a
"Library Meeting" at his house
where some social, political
or philosophical question is
treated in a prepared paper
and then generally discussed
last Wednesday the subject was
"Some phases of the problem
of knowledge" the meetings are
open to seniors, juniors and
members of the Theological Sem-
inary.

Nicas is candidate for
District Attorney in New York
City and John K. Cowan
of Maryland are both grad-
uates of Princeton, the former
in '74, the latter in '85, W. J.
Leaton Cameron, Calquest
and Gray are also Princeton

Graduates.

Our course at present is not as satisfactory as it might be. In the upper years the students are thrown more into outside private work for dues and acquisition and the class room loses some of its attraction the free term. Cold weather will bring more steady application to most men.

One of the printed rules governing athletic sports requires that the "head of each athletic organization shall file at the Registrar's office the names of those who are expected to participate in athletic contests to take place out of town in term time, and each of those persons must also file at

the Registrar's office the written
consent of his parent or
guardian to such partici-
pation." As I have probably
be called upon to play
some of the past time you
of which we have three to play
will you please send me
such a note stating that
you have no objection to a
moderate participation in the
game.

Yours loving son,
Bob

Princeton N. J.

Jan 30 1887.

Dear Papa.

I am by looking at my
treasures that I have given
paid and shall need some
money. I have not bought any
winter cloths yet and shall
need some friends for Christmas
and the trip home, also there
will be some expenses connected
with the balance of the term I shall
need me fifty dollars that will
cover every thing.

I finished my essay for the
Dean this afternoon. Retained
about an hour ago from Dr
McCook's library meeting. The dis-
cussion was on "The Religious

Aspect of Evolution." Prof. Madon
Ho, Peatt and Osborne and Dr.
McCosh spoke - and a great
many of the University students.
They generally seem opposed to
the theory.

The weather has been pleasant,
but rather cooling the last
few days. This is a beautiful
night but very cold. It
will wear out so long. It
would be a nice tramp home
from the Conference at Trenton
Saturday evening.

I learned from Frank last
Friday evening that Annie Ad.
was in town. But a letter to
I was very busy and Prof.
West had invited me to his
house in the evening. I failed
to see her. He told me she
had grown more plump than
ever.

The weather has grown too bad
for our soccer sports and the
Gymnasium is now frequented
Athletes are good for college
men, but I have grave doubts
as to the wisdom of inter-
collegiate contests.

There are 603 students here,
according to the catalogue
and to accommodate all,
the Gymnasium will be
used as an examination
hall during examination
week.

It is nearly eleven o'clock
now and I must get to
bed.

With much love,

Your son,

Bob



Princeton, N. J.,

Nov. 28, 87.

Dear Papa,

The misunderstanding with Prof. Lockwood arose from the fact that I gave the permission to the officer who had notified me of the sale and he did not give the notice to Prof. Lockwood before the time he desired to have it and so he proceeded as though I had obtained no permission. It was a very small matter. After the game I remained in New York for two days and another Princeton man and I spoke in the Excelsior Hall, Sabbath after.

room. A young man who is
studying law with a former
pastor from the city, who has
learned to support me on a
missionary. I can hear him
when I returned it was said
with a heavy heart and
last time with a light heart
that the whole matter was settled.

I include a program of
the revision of the District of
Columbia Conference in a similar
manner.

A great many students spent
the vacation here, and we had
a pleasant time. My friends
here were very kind. I
was out to dinner each
day. I read much on an
essay due the day in
our English course on 'Can
Life' on which I have
been writing all morning.

and an excellent view, having
written about 3000 words.
A poor recommendation of
that man is, but we cannot
keep a rough account of
the number of words not to
exceed limits.

There were the difficulty in
finding Dr. T. C. Cook's successor
by, there is a vacancy here
and is supported by the New
York Alumni. Other names
are Prof. Drummond & Prof.
Caldwood of Scotland, and
Dr. John Hall, Dr. McPherson
Dr. Patton, Dr. Crosby, and others
of America. I should be
glad to see Prof. Drummond
or Dr. Hall. Prof. Hall is
not strong enough mentally
for the place, and it would
be a misfortune, I think for
any one of the faculty of

College or Seminary to be able
to the Presidency.

Two new buildings are in
process of erection, and Mr
Wright is having a residence
built in which to live after
his retirement.

He was up several times
in vacation and I saw
him at church on Sunday.

With much love,

Your son

Robt

Princeton N. J.

Dec 7, 1857

Dear Papa,

Examinations begin Dec. 14th
and are over Dec. 21st at noon,
so that I might be home the
next morning, Thursday, but
my Sabbath School has its
Christmas Entertainment Wed-
nesday evening and I shall
stay to see that that goes
off nicely, and so shall
be home Thursday evening on
Friday morning. He tells me
his school closes some days
sooner, and he will be home
perhaps a week before me.
I think he is pretty well equipped
now. Perhaps some soft hat -

helmet with ear caps, would be
useful to him. I noticed
wearing his slippers had one
week day. For myself, my work
is all outspread, although I
should like a cheap copy
the Revised Version of the Bible.
I like the old version better,
but the new is good for
reference book.

Enclosed is a clipping from
the Daily State Gazette of Trenton
on the Conference here. We had
a good time there, were sought
of by us from Princeton and
were kindly treated.

I have been using early
letters to study on how
to begin breakfast and the
effects of it. I have been
not very well for a day
or two. My stomach is
out of order with the addition

times of some Jamaica people of
which I think it will be well
to buy a bottle the soon, I
am getting all right again
I think you may have mis-
understood my reference to
the New York student's offer
of contribution to Foreign
Mission.

We have had excellent weather
for all winter - only a few
blows of snow so far and
they were in November
with much loss.
Yours son
Rob.



Princeton N. J.
Jan. 5. '58

My dear Papa,
Vic and I arrived here
in safety last evening at
quarters of ten. My baggage
came in a later train but
I got it before eight o'
clock. College work began
promptly and we have a
vacation in Helen at 5.30
tomorrow morning.
There is no snow here. The
grass is green and the
is clear and pleasant and
is much more like Spring
than winter. In Lancaster
County the wheat was down
as here under high wind

think that it would be the
first at home in the open
page when he was in
he had company as he
way down as he traveled
a son of the time got
at Mount Vernon and
and then at Tupper
Bailey went as far as the
meeting of the road
his train was to
but he reached the depot
at 3:15 and left at
Carr's house was
about in the Grand
Station

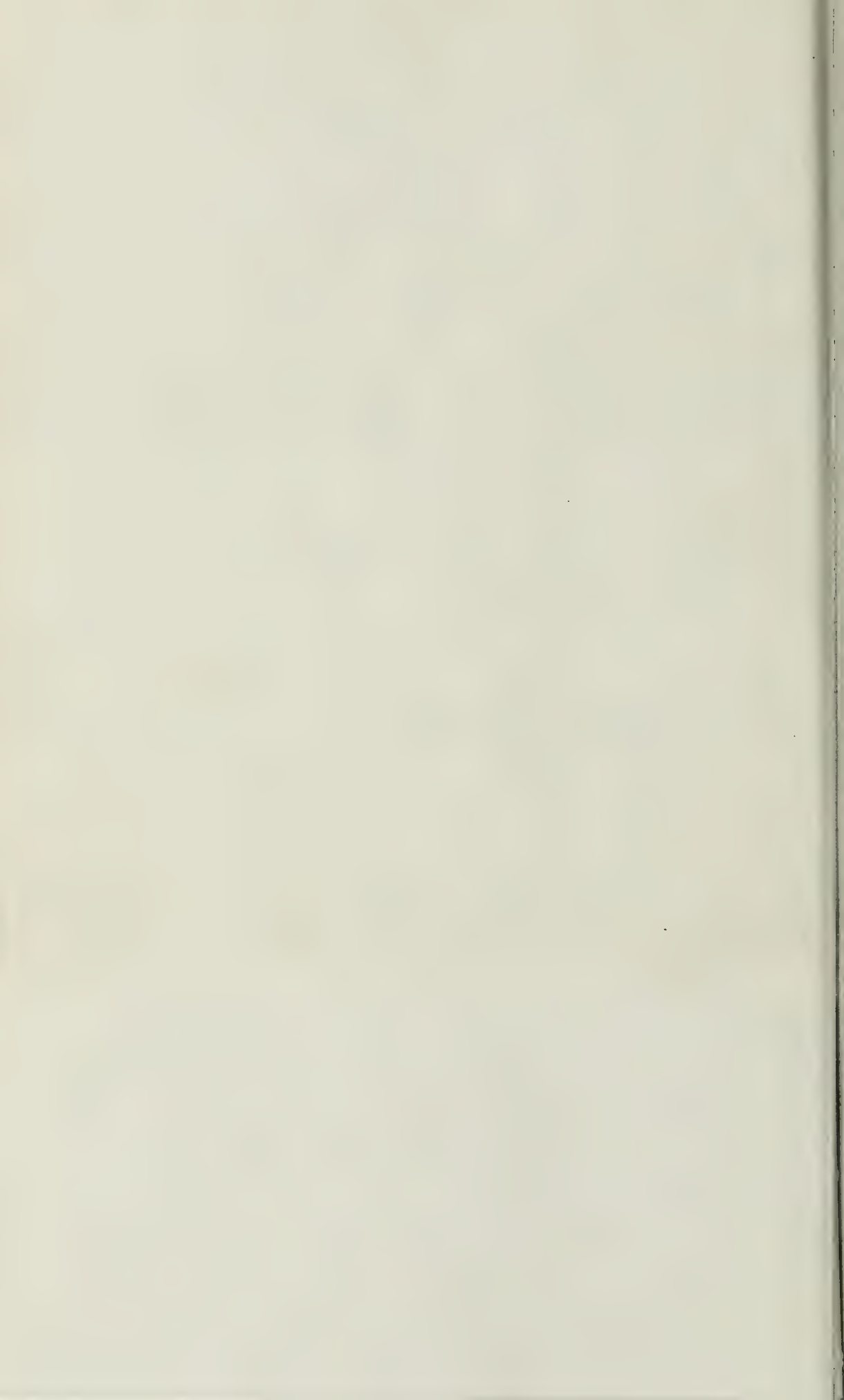
I found my bus and
my books in the morning
had to refund \$176 to my
bus was \$50 or more
because of what I had
first thought for it at
yet it is \$19 less than it

as far as some time since
now. I should have taken
to check for \$250; and as
when you are conveniently
please send me \$50 I do
not need it at once as
I have some but expenses
are unacceptably and I
never like to be without
money enough to pay my
way home. My expenses for
you will be less, I think,
than in before. I remember
you the count \$860, September
year, \$885. I think it would
not be over \$750. This year...

The work now is much re-
duced by the work I find
as the busy season has
passed.

With much love,
Yours son

Bob



New Colon, N. S.

Dear Papa,

I want you to tell you how the what matter
of the Job explained in my letter & Mr. Bishop's
has been settled, and everything is just as
if nothing of the kind had occurred. I tried
to get the letter from the Post office so that you
would not be bothered with reading them
but was unable, but everything is now all
right.

Loveingly,
Your son, Rob.



Princeton N.J.
Jan 9, '85

Dear Papa

Perhaps you have already
received Mrs Bishop's letter to
you. It has caused some
annoyance to Vic and has
caused a group to be shown for
me. Late day afternoon there
was a slight fire in an
empty tank in the top story
of the school which had been
started by some one of
the boys with rags and coal
oil. From what I can learn
he is not of average mind
and I've known the man
from circumstances which he
will probably explain to you

at any rate the way the
man confessed to him when
accused the morning after
came up and told me
that Mr Bishop had asked
him if he knew any thing
of the girl. He had replied
he did not and on his report
the lady in sudden anger
I presume suspended him
and he should write to
and propose to send to
home at once. I went
to him and knowing
his character pretty well,
demanded what steps he
had worthy of suspension.
He in such a miserable
weak creature having no
moral determination whatever
that he had at once to
write saying he had written
to you and said to you

John Weston said and seems
to a satisfactory settlement
of the whole matter. What
I feel justified would
come forward, as I know
are the facts. As you
have the Bishop's letter placed
and to be an account
of a of 20 thousand dollars
and the requested me to
delay, after saying that Weston
was never stated, that it is
of not enough support
and for that the Bishop
has a good knowledge of
Latin and Greek, but he
has no deliberate moral
judgment or any deliberate
view, and the whole affair
is only the result of an unadvised
and action of a man
and. I show you that the
affair is a private matter.

only
but much love
your son
K. C.

Princeton, N. J.

Jan 24, '38.

Dear Papa,

Thank you for the draft.

We are having cold but
clear, bright days now. There
is skating for those who
like it and have the time.
I have not skated any for
three or four years. I began
the first week after returning
to go to the Gymnasium
every day from twelve to
one and kept it up till
the last week but there
was too much work then
and I have stopped then
for a while. I feel much better
when I take my lessons.

exercise regularly each
day and get right on a
horse track and am to
be very careful about food

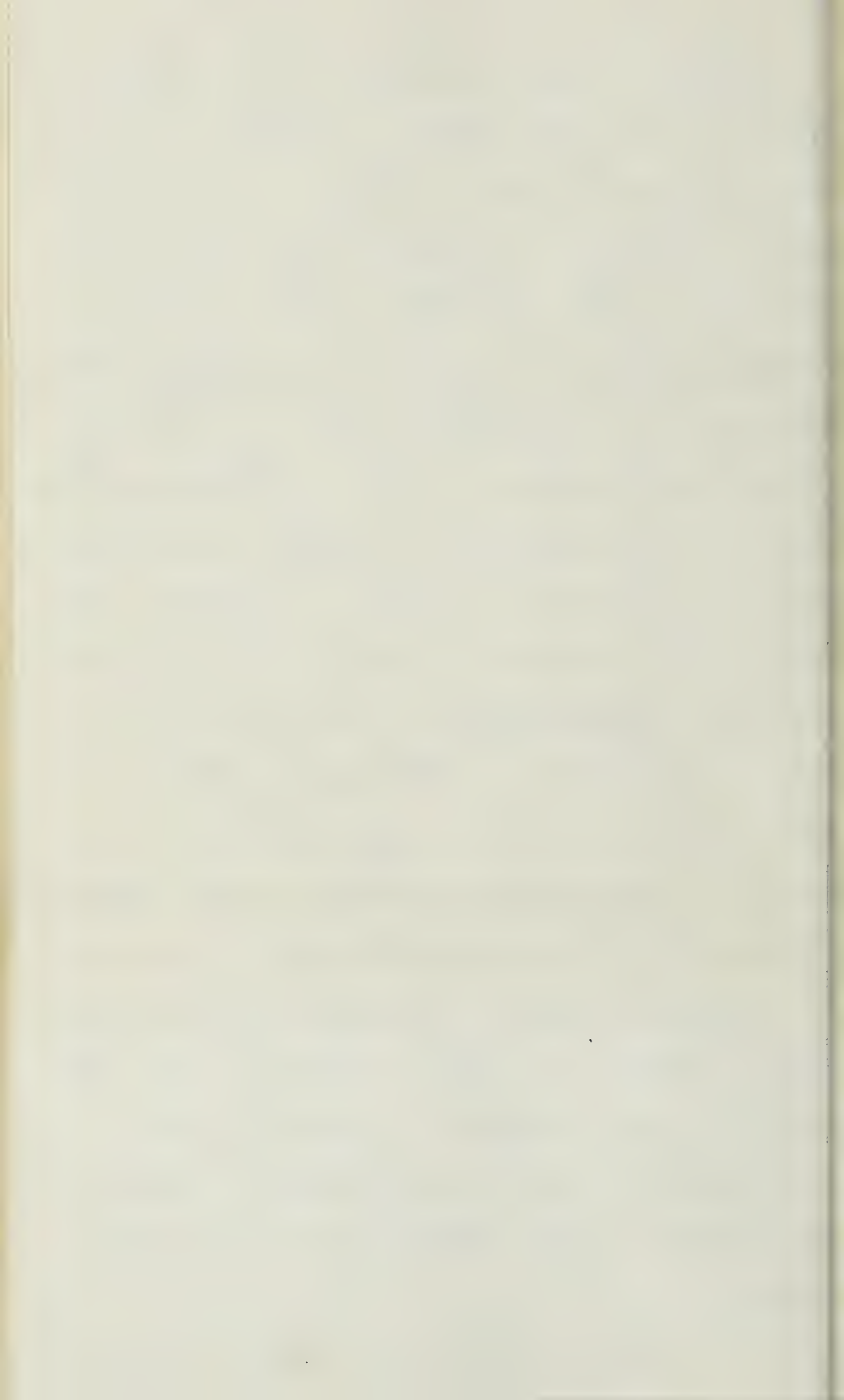
It is about twelve hours
Dr Patton has to preside
at the College in the
room of Dr McCook. The
Honor was in Europe and
to make vice president

Two sessions and I was
sent as a deputation from
the Philadelphia Society to
the Association at York on
Saturday the 10th in Dec
Have on Sabbath morning
and returned Monday
morning.

I am endeavoring to
walk each and am sure
that owing partly to the
exercise gained in foot
ball I am not so slow

an last year. As to my
voice, I practice with it
nearly every day, but do
not know what specific
means to resort to in
order to make it pure and
strong. I had a bad
cough during the whole West-
mas vacation and had
may explain any lack of
strength noticeable then, but
I am anxious to use
any means which will
increase its effectiveness
and power. There is a
lack of elasticity in
the faculty, but the sep-
tem raises the tone of the
voice so high that dis-
ease and serious ear-
weakness of utterance are
lost.

Your loving son, Pat



Purcator, N. J.

Feb. 4. 88

Dear Papa,

I wrote a postal card
several weeks ago to the
person who had the car-
tridge belt and loading
implements and I sup-
pose he returned them
in answer to that. I
loaned to him the belt and
gasm. bag in the past. The
tools were taken when
we were away.

My bag appears to be
large enough and in
good condition. My
chest measures about
41 inches inflated and

34 or so passages. I spent
an hour a day when
I was in the Gymnasium
We finished the lecture
and text-book courses
in Psychology this last
week and had the fi-
nal examination last
three hours this morn-

The contest in Haeckel
to determine the four
orators from our class
to represent the Haeckel in
the annual contest was
held at Concord
Mass - came off Wednes-
day night a week ago
There were sixteen contes-
tants. The successful spee-
kers were Drummond, of
George, Ohio; Judd, Kansas,
and myself. My speech was
entitled "The National Moral"

Spoke about people interested
The inter. Assoc. contains
will occur probably on
the evening of June 18
The question of the suc-
cessor to Dr. McCook is
still unsettled. There is
bitter antagonism both to
Prof. Patton and to Prof.
Hosens. Dr. John Shaw or
Dr. S. J. McPherson of Chicago
would satisfy all parties
it seems, but it is not
practicable to obtain either.
The tendency among the
New York and Pennsylvania
alumni and the younger
members of the faculty is
toward a secularization
of the college, and this
very tendency may force
the other wing of the fa-
ctors of the institution to

direct line just a matter
as Prof Patton

The excellent sleighing
of the past week has
disappeared and today
is damp and cloudy,
with a sea breeze,
fog settled down over
the town

Your loving son
John

Princeton, N. J.

Feb. 16 '88.

Dear Papa,

Every one seems to be
satisfied with the election of
Dr. Packer to be president.
But all are sorry to see
ed to McCook have to
retire. He will still have
here and lecture and pro-
bably keep his lower class
microscopic study.

In January of last year
each of the two Halls the
and when had a prelim-
inary oratorical contest
to Juniors only from the
competitors. Two judges from
the Faculty select from the

represent each class. The names
are announced alphabetically
and only the general opinion
of the auditors decides the
individual rank. The choice
of the men is regulated by
subject, style, manner, delivery
and all the four best men
from the Junior Class in
each class are chosen. At
Commencement these eight
men and four laymen
judge chosen by the Faculty
four medals are awarded
to the best four. The person
medal to be lent on. The
No. clear prep of 1000
given to the one of the
eight speakers who shall
have the best written oration.
I do not know what is
made the test of excellence
The Commencement continues

obscuration of the interests of
least contests I see that the
standard depends on the
Judge. Some make it labor
only. Others make it subject
matter, and in one case
sympathy aroused by physical
cas deformity had caused
to do with the award of
the first medal.

Many prizes are awarded
for to arouse interest
and zeal in work for
example \$350 about 1/2
given to the Union alone
and prize involving more
than that are open to some
other classes. Many of the
poorer students are helped
by a reduction of college
fees and by what is known of
which there are about twenty
prizes.

Vic was up yesterday at
noon and said when I
asked him, has he did
need any money.

Lex of us has a meet
each Thursday evening from
7:30 to 9 when we discuss
national questions to become
familiar with need of the
day. One reads a paper and
then it is taken up and
discussed and he is required
to maintain any position
he has taken.

With much love,
Yours own,
Red

Princeton, N. J.,
March 16, '88.

Dear Papa,

Monday and Tuesday brought
the hardest storm I ever saw.
I was up Sabbath night from
cold and on getting up
I saw the window pane full
ice covered with snow and
the wind blowing a hurricane.
The next two days - high fogs
up, lights but high and at
times on the road between
New York & Philadelphia
Princeton and the doctor was
stopped. The road is not as
cleared yet. Our temporary
decision from the wood yard
is an idea of a better

of our grand father, in the day
when steam and electricity
had not been put to so
subjection to many wants.

I am conscious that improve-
ments could be made in the
story in the form of some of
expressions but I had no
time for opportunities to revise
it as I went in on Tuesday
copies of a Friday and had
to hand it to the editor for
competition that day.

Victor has expressed in the
of character. I find and he
school life is so monotonous
that he will greatly enjoy
spending the few days of his
vacation at home.

The College vacation is April
11th - 18th, and as I have some
extra work to be done in
the way of several volumes

which I shall have to deliver
in the next term and in
the preparation of an address
before the State Convention of
association on April 20 I
shall spend the next term.

I have received from you
so far this College year
550. I think I shall not
need much more if any
than \$150 for the end of the
year and I do not need
any now. At the beginning
of next term I shall need
you to pay my College
Bills.

I have received three letters
from Miss the term the
last one was dated Feb 26
I expect to attend both
National Conventions but
may be late not in about
returning to Albany next

I have kept copies of the "set"
containing the story to George and
Ann on Valentine day. I suppose they
have read it you know.

years as to how long he will
by that position as far as
he can expect and how
can to "get in a run" in
most of the Albany men

Every Thursday evening he
of a meet and one reads
paper on some national ques-
tion and then follows a
free discussion. Last even-
ing we discussed prohibition
the liquor problem. After that we
had a trial of one of the
new for "liberty and unshackled
moral character". I was pro-
cessing and we convicted
him a son of Representative
Sewidge was my witness.

Your loving son,
Bob

Princeton, N. J.
March 20 1888

Dear Papa,
I hardly know where to
begin to things I want to
say in this letter. But Victor
is probably home now and
has told you the circumstances
or they now are and
these need not be said again.
Last evening Vic came to my
room & told me that he had
had come to him and told
him to must leave the school
because they did not wish to
have him around it had
become unpopular, in what
way I do not know, but
I believe that is the way it

reason was that through him the
teacher in the school learned
of violations of the rules by
the other boys. I know the
character of the students there
and many of them are the
very worst boys there were
before he got from the school
and made it unpleasant for
him, and he says he did not
associate with them and that
that increased their tameness,
and I can believe it for some
of them are absolutely vicious
boys. Mr. Bishop is a very
capable man and says he
will do the things he has
try to check them. He went
weeks ago to come to me
and said it would be best
for Bishop to come up and
room with me and go to
the school for an hour and

I agreed to let and made an
arrangement by change rooms
with a friend whose rooms
were near Courthouse.
Bepo's feelings here to be in
consequence of moving I
told Vic to find out from
Mr. Pithers how much money
he would spend of his
term's time. Mr. Pithers said
none and I have told him
that he did not propose
to pay for his maintenance
and of the term twice and
that Vic should remain at
the home. Besides the work
only twelve weeks left of
the year and it would not
be a very costly thing to
do for Vic if he were
allowed to leave the school
faced by removal of the
work days to be so to Vic

to remained as he about a
I supposed all was over too
Vic visit last evening
again opened the question
went down to the school
this morning and was the
Pastor. He had told Vic to
get ready and leave to day
I sat down & tried to talk
with him and found he
was not an over-generous
kind of man, weak & faint
that no reliance was to be
placed on what he said
asked him the origin of the
hostile feeling toward Vic
He said he had not had
time to find out, but that
the boys complained of the

feeling taken, and has the same
 so much disturbance over the
 remaining in the class,
 but he thought it best to leave
 thought it was the part of a
 man to prevent the disturbance
 and defend the innocent at
 any cost - but he was not
 ready to play the part of a
 man. He made many heavy
 charges against Vic, all of
 which were refuted except one
 that Vic had taken as little
 room as table & shown it
 unobtrusively. Vic says the letter
 was open when he took it
 and was not shown around.
 Would do the falsehood of
 room as he watched my wife

an opinion of Tici and as
as the rubbish which Mr. Tici
would advance and then to
trace, this is the reason of
Tici leaving or nearly as
can learn. but the worst
days in the school - when
of the days being in town
defending the school from
and the worst days to ever
know here - are those to be
because they believe he has
taken take on him. The
likely, Mr. Bishop is not
or not to stamp down
on the singlemen house and
ready as to other days
them. Mr. Bishop is also
willing and so send
away or an instance of
weakness and indecision.
I asked him what he would
write to you or to Howard

reasons of the conduct of his
to tell me he would let
me tell him and whatever
reason. I wished he would
lead. That is the man. He
promised to send me this
afternoon he tells he will
send to you and if it comes
in time I will send it to
you. That is the man. I
have seen both of the other
teachers and both they say
do not understand and that
is all. The only one who
seems to know in Boston
is his interpretive. The other
says he can't understand
the feeling against him all
the time. He comes from his
absolutely inverted way who
breaks the law continuously
that any stronger man who
keeps him. The feeling is

Victor has made several such
statements - nothing serious.
Mr. Van Dyke told me this
noon that the case was the best
scholar in the school & that
he had no fault to find
save that the case was as low
quiet than the other boys in
class. So I told the case that I
believed he was wronged, but
in the state of affairs was
resulting as the school he
had better leave. I see you
the whole truth and only
the best and I would
pray that all would come
out well. I would be
particularly for the to understand
as to what a story to

Mr. Bishop has said it and
vice versa so he had a
the show you & has no
interest in its good conduct
or further success. In your
troupe, as the greatest hope
don't think of the Bishop as
capable of sense, earnest
manly feeling or noble ac-
tion. He is a cunning and
and the only explana-
tion of this whole matter I
can see lies in his weak-
ness of character and the
weakness of character of many
of the students who had the
best.

I don't know how I can say
anything else. He is not the

Some say he was to have been
in the past perfect and was
laughed at with sometimes sleep
and father and people say
that that he was once taken
his prophecies and the con-
duct is hypocrisy but I
think he is trying to rise
and to wander this sentence
has failed is found in
what is the teacher and his
in these to Pope, please give
him every opportunity to
be surprised; to become instead
of young & foolish and
experienced and wise and
strong and of the best
to read to make himself
any other expenditure by
you, or any trouble or pain
to any one I will take
the trouble and care and
the more the sacrifice by a

one let it pass to me.

Please let me replace any
purches, quantities and find
whatsoever purches, types has
in. I shall be the teacher
again.

Your loving son,
Bob

I have no time to write
more on the letter now go
to the mail as soon as
order to reach home in
three morning.

I am, as the
community.



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PREPARATORY SCHOOL
PRINCETON, N.J.

Mar 24 1858

Hon. R. M. Speer

Dear Sir:

Victor incurred
in some way the hostility
of his school mates and
his unpopularity culminated
in a resolution of all
feeling which has caused
his books to remove him
with my concurrence, from
the school. I am up

(3) reason for ~~the~~ ^{III} his leaving the
school, but, had it not
been for the unpopular
which made a longer stay
less inadvisable on his
own account, I should
have sought to correct the
faults rather than war
them with the quiet
inserted punishment
dismissal. Victor has
won my affection by the
sincerity of his confessions
toward the school and toward
me. I did my best for
him and he still
-ways has my good
wishes and, if I can
be of any help.

my own personal relations (2)
with him - he has shown
himself amenable and
loyal, and he certainly
been unobtrusive. It

has however been pointed
out that he took some articles
from the boys' rooms, which
although of no intrinsic value,
were valued by the owners,
and a letter addressed
to my care by a boy
who had left the school
was also informed by
two boys to whom he had
intended to act, opened
and displayed to them
by him. These acts
constitute sufficient

I find ^{it} that his studies
for which he has an extra-
ordinary aptitude, are the
only ones.

Respectfully,
Kensel F. H.

Princeton, N. J.,
April 9 '88

Dear Papa,

I sent the copies of the magazine the same week I heard from Mary and they left her before the blizzard, and a letter of Mary's said they were received all right. Mr. Petty was not asking for the story for the Globe, but I don't desire such notoriety.

Examinations are nearly over. The last one is Logic and comes on Wednesday. I shall stay here the greater part of the vacation, but must spend several days in substituting advertisements for

paper the Princetonian. It is a
very pleasant work but
must be done if we wish to
make the paper pay. It is said
it gives a dividend of a
thousand dollars to be de-
vided among the editors
seven from one class and
four from the under class.

At the recent borough election
a prohibition ticket was
elected by 99 majority. The
respectable vote now has place
in a conspicuous place a
placard appearing to justify
and as the bare picture
sole. The trouble will come
when the attempt is made
to enforce the law. The
a meeting or refusing
has in with the town council
and the men just elected
as in favor of refusing

see license. So Princeton will
soon be a "dry" town and
I am thankful for it; for
there are many young men who
come here in whom I see
all the hope of leaving over,
and I have seen them dragged
down simply because they
are an opportunity to drink
and they did not have the
strength of character to refuse.

Wells is not a frequent
correspondent but a valuable
letter. Wells has been busy he is,
and the greater work of the
party, consequently of New
York and the nation which
are still before him.

Wells much love,

Your own,

Wells



Princeton N. J.
April 16. '88.

Dear Papa,

I sent you letters on to
Lice. I have not failed to see
Vic repeatedly when I thought
he was not acting or he showed,
and I think I have tried to
condemn his wrong actions, but
I never could condemn him
for I don't believe his action
had been his own fault wholly
from the first he has been what
his associates made him,
and to let him go now among
other associations, what he showed
gradually chose for himself would
ruin him completely. I am
not able to give him any more

distance saw in the way of
choice and counsel. We and I
agree that he ought to be placed
where he must stand for
himself and learn to stand
more firmly than he has ever
been able to stand before and
we also agree from considerations
of duty and wisdom that we
ought not cowardly to condemn
and desert him. Victor ought
not to have much praise nor
yet unqualified disapproval and
he has received neither from
us but we have told him how
is passing his own life and
we have tried to get him from
that point and it is impossible
to reach and keep any one else

our own brothers without some
sympathy and kindness. Moreover
Papa, I think a man or boy
can be less helped by those to
whom he writes emburden him-
self heavily and truthfully and
with whom he writes have the
freest and truest communi-
cation. I am sure that vice and
I stand in that relation to Vic-
tor. We write to what seems true
and wisest and truest for the
rest.

I have been offered a position
which pays no expense and gives
\$1200 a year salary.

I met today the Rev. Charles H.
Irwin from Bray, Ireland. He
was delighted to know his my

Grandparents came from Beverly A.
train and we had a brief but
pleasant conversation

My college bills were to be due
next week. That with my other
term expenses and a suit of
clothes, a hat and a pair of
shoes were not unusual. I think
to over \$175. This sum with all
the rest I have received during
the year will make \$425 for all
the year

Your loving son
Bob

Princeton, N. J.

April 27, '88.

Dear Papa

I received the first of
your letter on Wednesday and
paid my bill at once. Thank
you for it.

College opened last Monday
and I was absent several days
as plain pneumonia has made
it all the more and I am
now ahead of some of the
class.

I received last evening the
book which I had bought a

reduced volume in the winter.

They were Harris's "Philosophic
Basis of Theism" and "Lays the
Basis of God". They are now
what beyond my depth as pre-
sent but by studying them
I can grow up to them. It is
not good to compare and find
to things I can't understand
I was a significant acquisition
the more valuable it is when
one grows

They are the "The Acquisi-
tion of Whicquam for the
The last little shows great growth
especially in philosophy.

Dr. Bancroft writes a pleasant
letter about Peter saying he has
placed him as usual in the
Cath. school as he goes to
St. Peter's school in
London to be his King's
man as they are now. The
top of the school above you
confident and I think he is
less than to show well. He
is anxious to pass his
responsibility not to show how
to himself and I think to
show the before the relations to

him and his men always
healthful and that if he
mette to visit a day or
two will bring the horse
back to any rate it will
be able to cross and he
has the present arrangement
with us.

The character in previous
years but the present
year.

Will meet you
John
at.

Princeton, N. J.,

May 12 '88

Dear Papa

The whole room rent system has

very confusing but I think I

can explain it. See my letter

ent, light board on the first floor

next to the college. You the agent

sent last year on you the first

year. I had to go to college

years 1888-1889 I had you the printed

rules governing the matter of courses

and they were explained to you the

May the students who desire to

take the courses are required to

sign the agreement that a was then

to you, it is for the record in the

copy you. The '75 - the first

the three term - term and I shall pay
it next year when the term are
due. The agreements are required
to College in order to guard
against students who occupy
some part of a term and refuse
to pay any rent; and also the
agreements were not required the
would be men who would
rooms and leave them at 9
time when no one else could
move in; whereas if it had been
known they would not occupy
the room the whole year
could have been given to some
student who would have used
occupy it. In most cases the col



h the Curator the sum of twenty-five cents for every key furnished, which amount shall be refunded on return of the keys.

3. Students now occupying rooms, or to whom rooms shall hereafter be allotted, may have the option of retaining such rooms until the end of their College course, on condition of annually notifying the Treasurer, of their intention of retaining their room for the following year, and signing a new room-agreement before May 15th ; otherwise their rooms will be considered as vacated, and will be included in the annual allotment.

4. Rooms becoming vacant at or near the close of the College year shall be assigned to new occupants, by lot. The members of the Junior and Sophomore Classes who desire a choice shall draw lots first ; then, the Freshmen. As soon as the drawing is completed the rooms must at once be selected in order of priority of choice.

5. No student will be entitled to the room allotted him unless the room agreements shall have been signed and returned to the Treasurer before June 5th.

6. New students shall have the choice of any remaining rooms in the order of their application, after admission into College, on condition of immediately signing the room agreement, and depositing with the Treasurer the rent for the next ensuing term.

7. Every student who draws or retains a room is expected to occupy the same, and pay the rent and charges, or his share thereof, until the end of the College year, unless sooner released by the proper authority.

8. A student who expects to be absent on leave for a term may be released from the above obligation, by notifying the Treasurer before the beginning of the term, and by giving up the room ; but no abatement or drawback for room rent will be made to any student vacating his room during a term, unless by express direction of the Faculty.

9. Whenever, by any contingency, one of two room-mates is permitted or obliged to cancel his room agreement, the remaining occupant must vacate the room at the end of the cur-

rent term, unless he agrees to pay the whole rent, or provides a room-mate who shall join him in signing a new agreement for the remainder of the College year. When one of two occupants of a room is a member of the Senior Class, the room shall become vacant when the Senior graduates, and be subject to the provisions of Rule 4; except in cases where the joint occupant has continued for at least one year.

10. When rooms are vacated during the first or second term the rent shall be paid to the end of the term (see Rule 8), at which time the students who may have registered their names as applicants for vacancies, shall draw for them by lot.

11. Exchange of rooms, or substitution of one occupant for another, must be by authority of the Treasurer, and any student moving into a room, without authority *previously obtained*, will be liable to a fine of \$10, and be required to vacate the room. Such exchanges can only be made at the end of a term, or in the course of the first three days of the following term.

12. No tenant of a College room who is permitted or compelled to vacate such room will be allowed to transfer directly or indirectly any interest in or title to the room.

13. When a student vacates a room he shall immediately remove the furniture therefrom; unless the student to whom the room is assigned elects to purchase the same. In case a sale is agreed upon between the parties, the price to be paid by the purchaser shall be ascertained by deducting from the cost price of the furniture a discount of twenty per cent. per annum for the time the same has been in use by the vendor; provided that the price to be paid for the furniture in a room shall in no case exceed \$200. All sales shall be approved by the Treasurer before the same are finally consummated.

14. Students leaving College, or otherwise vacating their rooms, shall be allowed to store their furniture in a room assigned by the College authorities, under the charge of a salesman appointed by the College, where it may be offered for sale. Furniture remaining unsold at the end of three months, if not removed by the owner, will be disposed of at public auction to the highest bidder.

When a student enters college before the middle of a session, he shall pay in full the usual college charges for that session, with the exception of the charges for board and washing; if he enter after the middle of the session, he shall pay one-half for board and washing he shall pay in proportion to the time.

When a student leaves the college, whether voluntarily or by dismissal, before the middle of any session, one-half of the charges for tuition and public rooms for that session shall be refunded. But in the case of temporary absence and subsequent return, although the absence be for more than half a session, no such rebate shall be granted.

When a student is dismissed from college for any cause, the advance deposit for board, washing, fuel and gas, beyond the time of his dismissal shall be refunded to his parent or guardian.

When at the end of the first or second sessions the amount of the advance deposit proves to be in excess of the sum required to defray the board, washing, or room bills of any student, the excess shall be credited on his bill for the next session. At the end of the college year the amounts overpaid for board, washing, room-rent, fuel, or gas shall be refunded by the treasurer to the student's parent or guardian.

RULES RESPECTING RENTAL AND ALLOTMENT OF ROOMS.

1. Whenever a student desires to occupy a room in one of the College buildings, he and his parent or guardian shall be required to sign a room agreement, engaging to pay the rent and charges of said room for the ensuing Academic year, or for the remainder of the current year, as the case may be.

2. The tenure of all rooms so engaged shall be subject to the following conditions as regards damages and repairs, viz. : (1.) All damage done to a room beyond the ordinary wear and tear, shall be made good as soon as possible at the expense of the occupant. This provision includes the breakage of glass whether by accident or design. The occupant shall employ the proper college workmen and pay the cost of the repairs at once to the Treasurer. (2.) The occupants of a room shall deposit

third term, \$8. Seniors electing the course in Chemistry and Mineralogy, first term, \$20; second term, \$15; other Seniors taking any work in Chemical Analysis, first term, \$15. The deposits in the course for C. E., all payable in the first term, are:—Freshmen, \$3; Juniors, \$6; Seniors, \$4; all of the foregoing being for apparatus in the Engineering Department; also, Sophomores, \$5 for the Engineering Department, and \$12 for Blowpipe apparatus. Academic Seniors, electing Laboratory Chemistry, will deposit \$7, payable in the first term.

ESTIMATES OF ANNUAL EXPENSES.

Attention is specially called to the following approximate estimate of the necessary annual expenses for a student occupying a room in College, without including clothes, traveling or vacation expenses:

	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Medium.</i>	<i>Max.</i>
Board, 38 weeks at \$2.75 to \$7.00.....	\$104	\$152	\$266
Washing, 38 weeks at 50c. per week.....	19	19	19
Tuition and Fees.....	140	140	140
Room Rent.....	25	60	200
Fuel and Light (Kerosene or Gas).....	15	25	50
Books.....	15	20	25
Hall Dues and College Subscriptions.....	7	25	50
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Deduct for Students on Scholarship.....	100	\$441	\$750
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Deduct for Candidates for Ministry.....	30		
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	\$195		

College Bills.

All College expenses, including board and washing, must be paid in advance to the Treasurer of the College.

Students are required to call at the Treasurer's office in the course of the first ten days of each session, and to give information as to their place of boarding, etc., so that their bills can be made out. All bills must be paid within the first four weeks of the session. Failure to comply with this rule shall deprive the student of the privileges of the College until payment is made, unless excused by special vote of the Faculty.

things in order to form an understanding
nothing whatever. You gave us his
name then the same kind of
agreement was made to you
and was intended to be
then the language was the same
I believe was explained to
you was made that it was
and will be paid by you
paid. I really to have you

has been for a year that
of which have the best news
and the growth of the game
and trees has been more rapid

The preliminary Commission
concluded this year on Tuesday
Two more proposals have been made

to the Society and to the Secretary
generally prosperous. It follows the
report for the last year was
\$40,000.

With much love
Yours
Karl

Princeton, N. J.

Mar 24 '88.

Dear Papa,

The sun today has scattered
the clouds and must be long
had since last Wednesday, and
which almost spoiled the clear
lands visit to Princeton. The sun
about noon & about Saturday morn-
ing and was down to the
Coke where there was a reception for
an hour for the college students.
They seemed much pleased with
her. I did not go to the
noon the way to the house.

game between Yale and Princeton

the visit was not long as

we went back to Georgetown

in the early evening

I have been too busy to

get down to Philadelphia to

see Mary and they had a

very warm party for them to

up. It is such a pleasant

and pretty place that it has

to glad to have them here.

Examinations begin on

Friday, June 8th and end on

Friday, June 15. Commencement at

venue last from Saturday

to be done. day June 23. College

class then.

We are working to have
fifty men from Princeton go
to Mr. Moody's Summer Bible
School at Northfield. Last year
we had the largest delegation
and we want to exceed the
others again. And, for we are
one of the small ones we can
persuade to go the more good
workers will be had next
year.

Rev. Mr. Purves of Allegheny
has declined the chair to other

to which he was called by

the Princeton Seminary.

Two new buildings are
being erected on the campus

and Dr. McCosh is building

new residence and Dr. Satter

will take the President's house

next year.

With much love,

Yours
John

Row

Princeton, N. J.

June 15, '88.

Dear Papa,

The last examination was
held this morning, and the
larger number of the students
is now resting from labor
in service of course, and
will begin tomorrow morning
and go over Wednesday after-
noon. I shall be home prob-
ably on Thursday evening,

June 21.

On Monday evening came
the first notes concerning Monday

Competitions have narrowed
the number down to eight
and we speak in the First
Church where the most important
part of the service are held.

I am the poorest speaker. My

subject is "The National Moral

The prayer will be a prayer
on Wednesday.

I have been troubled de
the past year by a weakness

in hearing in my left ear.

It now pains me to

I could hear much better when

the sounds come from the

right as to my right ear. My

each the pain was a little to-
me and I went to a
physician. He said yes there
was a small abscess and
advised me to wash the ear
frequently with a syringe and
hot water. I had done so
and the pain is gone except
at rare moments and I do
not think it is anything seri-
ous. I was rather inconveni-
ent however just at the
time when a student needs
every faculty unimpaired.
Any physical illness about
the head very quickly makes

itself but in the action of the
brain.

I have enjoyed the point
you have very much. The Cal-
lege course might be better
had the readers and it might
had for every man in such
surroundings as these.

Victor has been elected one of
the editors of the *Helliceia* at
Andover, a paper I used to be
an editor. Dr. Bancroft only
has to be doing well.

With much love

to
you

Pat

